

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

AARON ROGERS,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Case No.
vs.)	
)	St. Louis County, Missouri
MEDICREDIT, INC.)	Associate Circuit Court
)	No. 12SL-AC36140
Defendant.)	
)	NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION
)	UNDER 28.U.S.C. §1331
)	
)	(FEDERAL QUESTION JURISDICTION)
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTION

Defendant Medicredit, Inc. ("Defendant"), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441, hereby removes this action to this Court from the Circuit Court of St. Louis, State of Missouri. This is a civil action over which this Court has original subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1331 in that Plaintiff's Petition filed raises claims centered on the "Fair Debt Collection Practices Act", or "FDCPA", 15 USC 1692, et. seq. and "Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991", or "TCPA", 47 USC 227, et seq. In support hereof, Defendant states as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiff Aaron Rogers (the "Plaintiff") filed this case, styled *Aaron Rogers v. Medicredit, Inc.*, Cause No. 12SL-AC36140, in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, State of Missouri. This lawsuit involves Plaintiff's claims relating to an allege debt with Defendant.
2. Plaintiff filed his two count Petition for Violation of the FDCPA and Violation of the TCPA

II. NOTICE OF REMOVAL IS TIMELY

3. On or about November 9, 2012, the Plaintiff served her Petition on Defendant. This Notice of Removal is timely because it is filed within thirty (30) days of Defendant's receipt of service of the Petition and within one year of the commencement of this action as mandated by 28 U.S.C. §1446(b).

III. FEDERAL QUESTION JURISDICTION EXISTS

4. The Court has original jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §1331 and this case may be removed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441(b) because it involves a federal question based upon the "Fair Debt Collection Practices Act", 15 U.S.C. §1692a. This Court also has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's TCPA claim under 28 U.S.C. §1367 in that the TCPA claim is "so related to claims in the action within such original jurisdiction that they form part of the same case or controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution."

IV. REMOVAL TO THIS DISTRICT IS PROPER

5. Removal venue exists in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri and is proper in this Court because the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, State of Missouri is within the Eastern District of Missouri.

6. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a) and Local Rule 81-2.03, the following documents are attached hereto and attached hereto as Exhibit A:

7. Written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal will be promptly served on the attorney for Plaintiff and a copy has been filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, State of Missouri.

8. Defendant's Notice to Clerk of Filing Notice of Removal will also be promptly filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, State of Missouri.

9. Defendant hereby reserves any and all rights to assert any and all defenses to Plaintiff's Petition, including but not limited to failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

10. Defendant reserves the right to amend or supplement this Notice of Removal.

11. Defendant has not answered the Petition in state court, and will do so consistent with Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(c).

WHEREFORE, Medicredit, Inc. respectfully removes this action now pending in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, State of Missouri to this Court.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify a true copy of the foregoing Notice of Removal was served, by First Class United States Mail, Postage Prepaid on this 10th day of December, 2012 to the following:

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